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Leonard Leo, chair of the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**, said **USCIRF** since its creation by Congress in 1998, "has recommended that Iran be named a 'country of particular concern,' or CPC, for engaging in systematic, ongoing and egregious violations of religious freedom."

The panel of witnesses included Leo, as well as Ali Afshari, a political activist, and Trita Parsi, president of the National Iranian American Council.